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G.O. No. 1169 MH

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague - Mangalore Municipality - refusal to entertain more staff for rat destruction - papers recorded.

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LOCAL Self-Government(L. & M)**DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Plague operations - hot weather programme - South Kanara District - G.O.No.455 P.H.Misc. dated 21st March 1923.

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Enclosures

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Ref. No. 1151-23-E5.

Station Camp Coondapoor , *Dated the* 24th May 191 23.

From (*Name*) G. W. Wells, Esqr., M.A., I.C.S.,

(*Designation*) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government (L. & M.) Department,
Thro' the Director of Public Health, Madras.

Sir,

On receipt of the Director of Public Health's remarks communicated with the above G.O., I consulted the Plague Medical Officer as to what additional ---- ratting staff was needed for carrying out intensive - ratting. A copy of the Director of Public Health's remarks was also communicated to the Chairman. The Plague Medical Officer applied to the Chairman for -- the entertainment of 15 additional rat coolies and -- supply of 150 rat traps, and also suggested that a -- Sanitary Inspector might be detailed for plague work, the existing Plague Divisional Inspector being unable

to cope with the special plague measures. The Chairman, however, informed me that he did not consider an increase in the rat destruction staff necessary, and that an adequate supply of rat traps would secure the object in view. In the face of the Director of Public Health's remarks, I did not agree with him and again invited his special attention to the necessity of carrying out the Director of Public Health's instructions, and requested him to employ the additional ratters as suggested by the Plague Medical officer and to intimate the action taken by him, so that I might apply for the necessary sanction of the Government. The Chairman still held that no addition to the existing number of rat coolies was needed, and informed me that he had arranged to supply the Plague Medical officer with 100 additional rat traps and that the traps in use were 167. Since I had been insisting on the entertainment of the additional number of rat coolies, the Chairman at last informed me that he would place the matter before the Council at its meeting to be held on the 7th May and added that pending their decision, he had asked the Plague Medical officer to employ the additional staff temporarily. Subsequently, he sent me a copy of the Council's resolution vetoing the proposal in question and accordingly, he addressed the Plague Medical officer not to entertain the staff, emphasising, however, the necessity of employing an additional Plague Inspector, although he could not spare one himself. In view of the above decision of the Council, I have, in consultation with the Plague Medical officer, decided against the proposal to entertain an additional Inspector, especially as plague is now decreasing in the town. In view of Plague Standing Order I, the attitude of the Chairman and his Council appears to me to be incorrect.

In this connection, I may report for the information of the Government that the 22 rat coolies working in the Municipality struck work from 11th May 1923, as the

Municipal Council declined to grant their request to raise their wages from Re.-0-5-6 to 0-8-0, notwithstanding the recommendation of the District Medical & Sanitary Officer and Plague Medical officer. The Chairman referred the matter to me with a view to sanction the prosecution of the rat coolies, but I pointed out to him that it would be extremely unwise to prosecute them, that it would aggravate matters instead of improving them and that the best course in the circumstances was to place the question for the reconsideration of the Council after hearing the coolies. I have asked the Chairman to report the present situation and on hearing from him, I shall submit a separate report.

For Collector.

M.D'S.26/5

R No 1639-1PH dated 9-6-23

To

The Secretary,
Local Self-Government (Public Health) Department,
Madras.

Forwarded.

The Council's attitude has been extremely short-sighted. The attitude of the Chairman shows a total lack of appreciation of the position. There is little use in providing additional traps without a proportionate increase in the staff employed. Such indifference on the part of those responsible for the public health administration under the Dt. Municipalities Act, 1920 should be met by application of the Collector's powers under the Plague Regulations, as the Municipal Council is apparently incapable to taking action.

Major, I.M.S.,
Director of Public Health, Madras.

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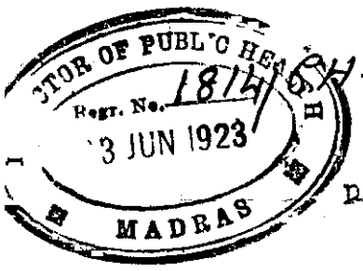

Subject.

Plague - Mangalore municipality - Hot weather programme.

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L.Dis. No. 1505-23-E.5.

Station Mangalore, *Dated the* 19th June 1923.

From (Name) G.W. Wells, Esquire, M.A., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government Department.

Thro' the Director of Public Health, Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of my report Ref. C.1151-23-E.5, --- dated 24th May 1923, I enclose a copy of the Municipal --- Chairman's letter Ref. C.R. 122/23-24, dated 15th June 1923, --- regarding the resumption of rat destruction work in the -- municipality.

Your obedient servant,

Collector.

M.S.F./20.6.23.

Copy of letter Ref.C.R.No. 122/23-24, dated 15th June - 1923, from M.R.Ry. Nellikai Venkat Rao Avergal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Mangalore, to the Collector of South - Kanara.

Reference:- Plague - Rat coolies - Strike - Your letter No.1151-23 of 21.5.1923.

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In the second week of May last when I had been to the hospital to attend to the Hospital Committee meeting, I had an interview with the Plague Medical Officer on --- the matter. He gave me to understand that the coolies - would return to work if they were allowed an increase, if I remember right, of about six pies in their wages per -- day i.e. an increase from Re.0.5.6 to Re.0.6.0 per day. I replied to him that I would consider over the matter and let him know. Though the Council was not in favour of - any increase, I took up the responsibility on myself and in my letter to the Plague Medical Officer, dated 17th May, offered the coolies a monthly pay of Rs.12/- i.e. -- nearly Re.0.6,5 per day or about five pies per day more - than what was suggested to me. I received a reply on the 21st May 1923 to the effect that "as the rat coolies are unwilling to return to work unless they are paid annas 7 each a day, it would be better if you could send me ----- substitutes on a monthly pay of Rs.12/- each." As I had no coolies at hand, it was not possible for me to send -- substitutes immediately, more specially as the municipal conservancy menial staff had not also fully returned to - work at the time from their strike. I had also reason to believe that some under current was working in the matter. While arrangements were being made to collect new hands, I received on the 24th May through the Plague Medical -----

Officer a petition from the old hands stating that "with ----- respect to you and on the advice of the Plague Inspector, we are willing to return to work on a monthly pay of Rs.12/- each for the present."

As the coolies resumed work from the forenoon of the 24th May, I considered that no further action was necessary on my part and delayed sending a reply to you with the intention of communicating the decision of the Council as well.

I am placing the matter before the Council at its next meeting and will communicate to you its decision in due course.

M.S.P./20.6.23. 20.6.'23

R.No.1814-1-P.H., dated 27th. June 1923.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government, Public Health Department, in continuation of this office R.No.1639-1-P.H., dated 9-6-1923.

Major, I.M.S.,
Director of Public Health, Madras.

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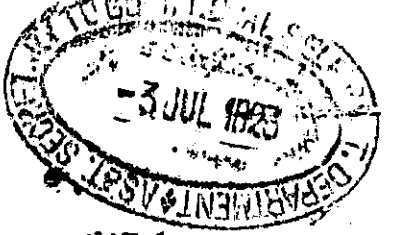

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C. No. 14138, From the Collr of S. Kanara, No. 1157, dated 24.5. 1923.

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Issue a suitable reply

The attention of the Collr is drawn to section 37 of the D.M. Act. The policy of the Govt as regards plague prevention is to be pursued under their control.

DESPATCHED 14 JUL 1923

To the Collr of S. Kanara
" D.P.16.
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2 The attention of the Collector is however drawn to section 37 of the Madras District Municipalities Act for his guidance in future.

Wm 6-7-23 TJR. 12/7

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Note

Please see the reports on pp 1-3 & 4-6. No further action is necessary. The Collr's attention may however be drawn to the

Powers
Special Conferred on CMs in
section 37 of the D.M. Act
for his further guidance
in such matters.

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